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PAINT FACTORY IN OPERATION

New Alma Concern Started
Work And Is Now Manufact-
uring Ex-Cel-All Paint.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD

Company Has a Large Number of
Orders to Fill and Sees Good
Future in Alma.

The plant of the Ex-Cel-All Paint company, which has been under the process of construction since late in the fall, is now in active operation the company having started up this afternoon with its force, which has come here from Marion.

The greater part of the winter the plant was being constructed under the most adverse conditions. Only a few days after it was started a heavy fall of snow came, which stayed on the ground, and more came later. Such were the conditions that but few people realized that work was still being done on the building, which has been going on constantly and is all that allowed the company to start operations at this early date.

The plant is not a monolithic affair, the first unit being 150 feet by 60 feet, but the company is operating along lines of economy, keeping down overhead, etc. Throughout the plant the latest machinery for the manufacture of paint has been installed including a pumping system and a gravity feed system.

Adjoining the compound room of the plant is a battery of ten one hundred gallon mixers in addition to a special two hundred gallon mixer for use in making barn paint.

In a conversation with the manager, Mr. Bamberg, it was learned that two carloads of machinery arrived only ten days ago from Chicago, and everything was soon in place. It was then announced that the plant would start operations this afternoon. All orders that have accumulated of late will now be filled.

Mr. Bamberg further explained that every courtesy and all possible co-operation had been shown to the company by the citizens of Alma, the board of trade, and members of the city council.

The district managers have their own office quarters in the factory and they are most enthusiastic over the prospects of the business that is rapidly developing. It was also learned that the stock allotted to Alma in order to secure this industry for this city has been practically all subscribed, and with very little solicitation and that the balance can either be subscribed here or allotted to the dealers throughout the state.

Beginning next week the stockholders of the company will be welcome to visit the factory and view the interesting process of paint making, as the paint passes from one stage of its development to another.

A most attractive four color label has been adopted for the paint pails, etc., which along with the other advertising of the company, will mean much for the city from a publicity point of view.

SELLS STORE

M. A. Medler Sells Store To Louis
Rockstein From Wisconsin.

Through a deal, closed the first of the week, Louis Rockstein of Rio Falls, Wisconsin has become the owner of the M. A. Medler grocery, at the corner of Superior and Woodworth.

Mr. Medler has been actively engaged in business in this city for the past ten or twelve years and is well known throughout the entire county. He has not decided upon his future movements.

Mr. Rockstein, the new proprietor, comes to Alma recommended highly as a successful business man, and will undoubtedly prove an able successor to the retiring proprietor.

He expects to make numerous changes in the store in the very near future, remodeling the interior and enlarging the stock of goods which are carried.

HOLY WEEK

In St. John's church during Holy Week beginning Monday, March 25, there will be Holy Communion at 9:30 the first four days. On Good Friday there will be a three hours' Memorial Service from 12:00 until 3:00 o'clock. To all these services the people of the city are invited, especially to the services on Thursday and Friday.

Willard D. Tucker of Ithaca was in the city on business Tuesday.

Fatty Arbuckle in return engagement of "Out West"—Idlehour, Wednesday.—Adv.

DEDICATE FLAG

Service Flag of Presbyterian Church
Was Dedicated Tuesday Evening.

On Tuesday evening of this week the service flag of the Presbyterian church of this city was dedicated, appropriate exercises being held at the time, which drew a good sized crowd, which was greatly interested in the dedicatory exercises.

The presentation of the flag was made by Mrs. F. N. Notestein, and the address of acceptance given by the pastor, Rev. William H. Mason. The service was unfurled by Willard Beshgetoor and Frank Notestein, brothers of men in the service. The dedicatory address was given by the Rev. Horace Cady Wilson, D. D., and was well greeted by the audience. The program was closed with the National Anthem. The Alma high school chorus and the high school cadets also took part in the program.

There are twenty-four stars on the service flag at present for the following men: Lieut. C. B. Gardner, M. D.; Lieut. Lester Von Thurn, Lieut. Mark Spiney, Lieut. Edward Wyatt, Corp. Eliaz Sanchez, Hugh Bartley, Arthur McIntyre, Herbert Fryckholm, Alonzo Beshgetoor, Robert Notestein, Paul Austin, Linton Melvin, Melvin Vender, Eford Beverly, Merle Hyde, Chester Robinson, T. Arnold Robinson, Dwight Von Thurn, Cadet Ensign Henry W. King, Prof. R. F. Veatch, Y. M. C. A., First Class Hospital Apprentice William Murphy, Ray Beshgetoor, Eng. Reserve Corps; Clifford Carey.

BOARD OF TRADE

WILL HAVE BANQUET

First of Monthly Banquets Will
Be Held in I. O. O. F. Hall
Wednesday Evening.

The first monthly banquet of the Alma Board of Trade will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall, Wednesday evening, March 27th, at 6:00 o'clock, and it is expected that a large number of the members of the board will attend the affair.

Fred Slater, chairman of the committee on arrangements is making some great preparations to make this meeting a big success, and has secured some good speakers for the evening.

H. M. Crooks of Alma college will act as toastmaster at the banquet. Mr. Frank Welton, business man and banker of Cadillac will act as the principal speaker of the affair. His subject has not yet been announced. Charles G. Rhodes will give a short talk on the Republic and its outlook, and will be followed by Mr. Bamberg, who will give an outline of the work that the paint factory expects to do here. D. L. Johnson will have his say about the aims of the Board of Trade.

The banquet will be followed by a business meeting of the board and this will be followed by a social time for the balance of the evening.

PIONEER DEAD

Mrs. Phoebe Madden Old Resident of
County Died at Elwell

Mrs. Phoebe Madden, an old and respected resident of Elwell died at her home in that village Sunday at the age of 75 years. She was stricken with paralysis in May of 1910 and never regained her strength. A short time ago she was taken sick and her vitality gradually weakened until the end came.

Mrs. Madden was born in Middlesex, Yates county, New York, September 18, 1842. When still a young girl she came to Michigan with her parents, settling in Oakland county. Following her marriage to John P. Madden some years later, she moved to Clinton county, being among the pioneers of that county. In 1881 they moved to St. Louis. She has been living at the Lathrop home in Elwell for some little time.

She is survived by four children, Ray of Alma, William A. of Grand Rapids, Ernest A. of St. Louis and Mrs. Olive Lathrop of Elwell. She also leaves to mourn the loss, three grandchildren and one great grandchild, besides a host of friends.

The funeral was held at the home Tuesday and interment was made in St. Louis.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

This is Amount of First Subscription
to Third Liberty Loan in County

The Episcopal church of Alma has jumped right on the map for the Third Liberty Loan, right off the reel, before the campaign has opened, with a subscription of \$1,000 in of the Third Liberty Loan.

The records show that this is the first sale of bonds of the Third Liberty Loan in Gratiot county and is a snug sum with which to start off the campaign here. Not only does it furnish a good start, but it will furnish a mighty fine example for the rest of the county.

PARTY HEADS HERE STRONG

Men Nominated for Mayor on
Both Tickets Best That
Could Be Chosen.

BOTH ARE SUCCESSFUL MEN

King and Murphy Have Both Held
Office Here in Past and Made
Good as Public Servants.

The Republican and Democratic city tickets this year are offering the best that they have at the head of the column, in their candidates for the office of mayor of the City of Alma this coming year. These men are Francis King and Charles R. Murphy.



Francis King

Francis King, nominated by the Republican city convention for the office of mayor, is one of the best known men of the city, a successful business man, and a man who has made a good record in public office.

Mr. King has twice held the office of mayor of the City of Alma and has filled the office with honor and credit to himself and to the city. He has also served this district as state senator, and in this office made a creditable record. He is a man that great confidence can be placed in and one who will devote his time to the work which is needed badly in the city.



Charles R. Murphy

Charles R. Murphy, nominee of the Democrats of the city of Alma for the office of mayor, is one of the type of "self made men." He is one of the most highly regarded of the business men of the city, and a successful one. Once before he was called upon to serve the city, that time as the city treasurer, and made a fine record as a public official, at that time.

He is young, active, and of the hustling type of business man, who sees needs and provides for them. The Democrats selected their best, when he was picked.

DIED SATURDAY

John Gaffney Passed Away After
Nearly Four Years of Illness.

John Gaffney, one of the well known young men of the city, passed away at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney, early Saturday morning, following an illness of three and a half years.

He was born in this city and attended the local schools from which he graduated in 1912. Not long after this he was taken ill with tuberculosis and in spite of all efforts he gradually weaker, until the end came.

The funeral was held from the home at the corner of Woodworth and Center streets, Monday afternoon, Rev. J. Frank Jackson officiating, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery, his body being laid at rest by that of his father, who preceded him in death some years ago.

He is survived by a grief stricken mother, Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney and one brother, Russell, besides a number of relatives in various parts of the state.

"Toto," the world famous contortionist, in comedy that is entirely new and different, Idlehour, Tuesday.—Adv.

MORE ENLISTMENTS

Over Fifty Enlistments So Far This
Month at Local Office.

Recruiting Officer Tom Boston reported to the Record yesterday that the total number of enlistments for the month from the local recruiting office had now grown to fifty-seven, this being the greatest number to enlist here during any month since the office was opened a year ago.

New enlistments reported by Boston are Ben B. Sheldon of Owosso, Charles S. W. Davis of Alma, Tom Boan of Merrill, Alvin Husted, Vernel Hall, Clyde Plumb of Marion, Arthur R. Shores of Vestaburg, Sidney Ballard of Henslock, Stewart Brown of Owosso, Lyle Corey of Owosso, Harry Perry of Owosso, and Otto Marvin of Owosso.

TWO IN ONE FAMILY CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Walter D. Walker and
Daughter, Edna, Died of
Typhoid Fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Walker and daughter, Edna, of St. Louis were brought to Brainerd's hospital from St. Louis recently, after having been taken ill with typhoid fever, and since then two of the three have passed away with the dread sickness. Mrs. Walker died Wednesday, March 13, and her daughter died Sunday. Mr. Walker is gradually improving and hopes are now held out for his recovery.

Eleanor Wardwell was born in Clinton Co., Mich., October 2, 1877. She was married at Newark in 1895 to Walter D. Walker. To this union four children were born; Cleo, Edna, Beulah, and a child who died in infancy. The greater part of Mrs. Walker's life has been spent in this locality. In her girlhood she joined the United Brethren church and has lived a consistent Christian life. She was a good mother and a kind neighbor.

Mrs. Walker leaves to mourn their loss: her husband; a son, Cleo; a daughter, Beulah; her father, two brothers, Floyd and Rufus Wardwell, and four sisters, Mrs. J. Barnes of Ithaca, Mrs. David Porterfield of Ohio, Mrs. Orville Lloyd of Wisconsin and Mrs. O. L. Coon of Elsie.

Edna Walker passed away on Sunday March 17th. She was born Nov. 1, 1897. She has attended the schools of Alma and St. Louis and was a sophomore in the St. Louis high school. She united with the Church of Christ in Alma some years ago but in St. Louis has been a Sunday school teacher and faithful worker in the Baptist church.

Funeral services for mother and daughter were held in the Baptist church on Monday, March 18th, conducted by the pastor, J. W. Priest and Rev. F. E. Gardner of St. Louis. The caskets and the platform were covered with beautiful flowers. There were many people present from Alma and St. Louis, among them many high school and church friends of Edna Walker.

VAUDEVILLE SHOW

Republic Show Comes Monday and
Tuesday Nights of Next Week.

A change of dates has been made for the Republic vaudeville show, so that this attraction will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights, March 25 and 26th, and judging from reports from the Republic, it is bound to be one of the most successful shows of the kind that has ever been given in the city.

Nearly all of those who will take part in the big show of the Republic are men and women who have had professional experience, so that the public of Alma will not simply be going to look at a bunch of dubs cavort around the stage, but will see some real live talent. Some of those who will pull off new stunts for the vaudeville are being brought from Detroit, to aid in making this a first class attraction in every respect. There will be a big program and a great variety of acts, in which will be introduced numerous new stunts, with which the local theater going public is not familiar. The entertainment will be clean in every respect and should call the best people in our city.

The show is being put on for the benefit of the Republic athletic fund, which goes for the benefit of all of the employees of the big Alma plant.

Seats for the big show are on sale at the employment office of the Republic and reservations may be made by calling that department, or they may be obtained at the box office on the night of the shows.

Several hundred bushels of corn for sale cheap. Alma Elevator Co.

Wm. S. in "Wolves of the Rail"—Idlehour, Sunday and Monday.—adv.

NEW PETITIONS ARE ON FILE

Petitions for Charter Revision
Commissioners Have Been
Filed With City Clerk.

VOTE ON THEM AT ELECTION

Voting at April Election Will Save
Special Election if Commission
Form Carries.

Action of the city council on the petitions recently submitted assures the fact that the voters of the city will be able to express themselves on the matter of a commission form of city government at the spring election, Monday, April 1.

In addition to this petitions have been circulated for nine charter revision commissioners whose names will also be submitted to the voters at this election. This matter was not necessary until after the electors here had voted for a commission form of government but in view of the necessity of calling a special election later, it was thought by the city attorney it would be far better to submit the election of the charter commissioners along with the other, so as to avoid the necessity of a special election should the commission form of city government carry.

The required two per cent and not more than four per cent of the total number of names of electors, voting for the chief executive office at the election last year appear on the petitions submitted for each of the names of charter revision commissioners, whose names will appear on the ballot, as required by law.

These men are required to revise the city charter, and make it into a working basis for the commission form of city government should this measure pass. It means as a result that men of the highest type are needed as charter revision commissioners, men who are willing to serve the city faithfully, while the revising of the charter is being done. The salary provided for the charter revision commissioners is \$1,000.

The names which will appear on the ballot, according to the petitions now on file are James W. Robinson, L. A. Sharp, A. P. Cook, James E. Mitchell, William A. Bahke, Jotham Allen, F. E. Pollasky, J. T. Ewing and H. M. Montague.

The voters should bear in mind that the law provides for nine charter revision commissioners to be chosen at large, without any party designation. Following the revision of the charter, should the proposition carry, the revised charter must be approved, and then the city will be ready to choose its commissioners, secure its business manager, and start operating on good business principles.

HONOR FLAG

Liberty Loan Honor Flags For Full
Quotas.

A new and distinctive feature will be introduced in the Third Liberty Loan campaign and every city or town in the country which subscribes more than its quota of Liberty bonds will be awarded by the Treasury Department an Honor Flag.

The flag will be 36 inches wide and 54 inches long. The body of the flag will be white with a broad red border, and three broad blue vertical stripes denoting the Third Loan. The flags which will be of the same quality as the flags of the Navy, are already being manufactured and will be awarded as fast as the right to fly them is won. Though awarded by the Treasury Department, they will be distributed by the Liberty Loan committees of the different districts.

There will also be a National Honor Flag for each State, to be flown at the State capitol, with the name of each town winning a flag inscribed upon it. There will also be preserved in the United States Treasury a National Honor Flag, with the record of each State recorded on it.

Stars, to be placed on the flag of each city or town doubling its quota, will also be awarded, and an additional star for each time the quota is doubled.

An Honor Roll, containing the names of all subscribers, but not the amount of the individual subscriptions, will be kept in each community. A window card, bearing a representation of the Honor Flag, will be given each subscriber to the loan, to be displayed at the home or place of business.

WILL GIVE PLAY

The Young People's Bible class of Forest Hill will give the drama, "Dora Thorne", March 29th. Admission 15c and 25c. 35-11-p

MARRIED IN EAST

Miss Mary Sharp and W. A. Sibley
Married in New York.

On March 10th Miss Mary E. Sharp and Mr. Walter A. Sibley were married in New York City, and it was several days later before news of the big event got back to Alma, where both of these popular young people reside.

When the Record reporter asked Mr. Sibley about the wedding yesterday, he was informed that, "We were just married, that's all." As a result we cannot tell in just exactly what manner the knot was tied. It was learned, however, that Miss Gladys Lea, a Virginia Belle, was the maid of honor at the wedding and that Mr. George Sutton, Jr., editor of Motor Life, a close friend of Mr. Sibley's, acted as best man at the wedding.

After a short wedding tour the young people returned to Alma the fore part of this week, and will make their home in this city.

Mrs. Walter A. Sibley is the daughter of L. A. Sharp, and is one of the well known young ladies of Alma, and is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. She is a graduate of Alma college.

Mr. Sibley, better known as "Hi," has made his home in this city for the past year, and is editor of the Radio, the weekly publication of the Republic Motor Truck company. He has a great host of friends in this city.

The Record together with some hundreds of other friends of the young people, extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sibley.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

COMMITTEE SELECTED

Meeting Friday Settled the Com-
mittee for Third Liberty
Loan Drive.

In J. W. Robinson of Alma, chosen Friday to act as chairman of the Third Liberty Loan committee of Gratiot county, a hustler has been selected, who promises to see that there will be a warm campaign in Gratiot and that the county will come much nearer making its quota than it has in the other two campaigns.

L. A. Sharp of Alma has been selected as vice-chairman and these two men will act on the executive committee of which William A. Bahke of Alma, J. N. McCall of Ithaca, A. B. Darrough of St. Louis and Al. Crawford of Breckenridge are members.

Mr. Robinson has selected a publicity committee, which he believes will be a live one, and which will render the efficient aid needed in carrying the campaign through successfully. C. E. Brown and J. F. Sartor, Jr., of Alma, J. N. McCall of Ithaca and Editor Tidale of St. Louis, all owners of Gratiot county publications, are the members of this committee.

A committee on speakers, consisting of D. L. Johnson as chairman and Ralph Goggin as secretary, has also been appointed. It is planned through this committee to get speakers out through the country and boost the Third Liberty Loan to the limit, and to thus interest everyone in the county in the move. Township and ward committees are yet to be selected, but they will be appointed very soon, and will co-operate with the other committee on securing subscriptions and arranging with the committee on speakers for the appearance in various parts of the county, of men well versed in the Liberty Loan, as a further means of getting subscriptions.

The First State Bank of Alma has tendered the use of the directors' room of the bank for Liberty Loan meetings and has also given the use of a stenographer for such gatherings.

Mr. Robinson expects to have all of his first line trenches ready when the campaign starts about the middle of April, and there will be no let up until Gratiot has been combed thoroughly for subscriptions.

GEO. W. BAIN

Last Number on the Lyceum Course
Comes Next Wednesday.

Next Wednesday evening, March 27th, the veteran of the Lyceum platform, Col. George W. Bain, of Kentucky, will speak on the theme, "If I Had My Life to Live Over," in bringing to a close the Alma Lyceum course for this season. The speaker is widely and favorably known as one of the group men of thought and influence of whom Russell H. Conwell is a shining example, who have made the Chautauqua and Lyceum platform a power for good during this generation. In his old age he brings to his hearers the fruit of ripe experience of life in this retrospect of a long and useful career, and the patrons of the course will doubtless enjoy an evening full of inspiration and uplift.

EIGHTY MEN ARE CALLED ON DRAFT

Will Go into Service on Report-
ing at Alma, Friday, March
Twenty-ninth.

RULE HOLDS UP FARMERS

Those Engaged Entirely in Agricul-
tural Work are Given Deferred
Classification on Orders.

Following is the list of men who are called for selective service, who are to report at 6:00 a. m., March 29, at the draft office in Alma:

Order Serial No.	No.
George B. Packhill	1658 215
Charles W. Dietrich	1670 460
Julius E. Halliwell	1123 1463
Gilbert B. Hicks	1195 2505
James L. Fookes	1197 2127
Stanley Baker	1199 1797
Clinton E. Jones	1202 2169
Harvey J. Walker	1236 573
Jay Snyder Carmer	1244 1833
Clyde S. Conlin	1017 2101
John F. Hilsinger	1407 2305
Samuel Ben. Derby	586 878
Alvin B. Gates	1408 1627
Ora Cunningham	1415 1144
Robt. Ferris Johnson	1425 1080
Sol Hindenlang	1438 1467
Jacobs F. Turner	1458 1424
Walter C. Christy	1390 1826
Chen G. Ferris	1465 2579
Fred G. Barnhart	1468 1800
William Daniels	1479 2482
Alonzo L. Halliwell	1500 2385
Edgar John Black	1502 2276
John Dora	1505 1282
Harry J. Rhines	1506 1585
Clida H. Kiser	1217 2524
Chester S. Loughery	1063 2531
Oney J. Smith	1765 1215
Edward C. Anchutz	1764 758
Ray Laverne Bishop	1760 246
Isaac J. Wiggins	1728 2061
Harold N. Acker	1126 2447
Charles H. Moye	429 707
Frank C. White	511 1511
Byron S. Witherspoon	518 175
John R. Young	584 963
Wm. Lee Shippey	1281 2578
Wm. Worthington	1288 322
Gustaf Von Echaot	1290 1365
Frank J. Rhynard	1293 184
Leslie Elchorn	1308 671
Dwight Collison	1311 1621
John E. Letts	1321 286
Wm. Fred Crozier	1346 662
Fred L. Connell	1099 187
Otis C. Wannacott	1132 2608
Henry Miles	1142 1564
Clyde La Voy	1191 1481
Frank G. Parks	1253 242
Nowell Otto Breidinger	328 1617
Clyde B. Cross	989 1823
Lonzo Curtis	939 979
L. B. Belcer	654 978
Charles A. Maney	1541 2318
Jon Galeskey	1537 1144
Theophilus De Dier	1052 1554
Ernest Ringle	1035 617
Ford Seymour	1034 416
John L. Fowler	1265 1860
Elmer Hammond	330 363
Forest P. Griner	318 1067
Alfred M. Lund	1518 1938
Clarence Wetherby	978 76
Fred B. Newton	972 1575
William E. Bunn	950 636
J. Levi Rosencrance	967 1105
Leo E. Going	912 1373
Robert W. Lehrer	909 1561
Wm. J. Dunn	887 344
Elva Miller	759 1993
Bertram C. Reynolds	612 539
Lynton H. Tenney	1540 2596
Jon Harold Wood	1564 764
Roy Harlow	1576 497
Burt Wasson	1579 1037
Frank DeWitt Hastings	1585 1781
Leo V. McCarty	1588 2315
Roland J. Crawford	1594 663
Louis Erick Housel	1599 2514
Leo G. Doer	1615 2373
Lorenzo Plank	1725 1578
Vinton E. Ball	1732 1788
Charles D. DePew	1721 2371
Herman LeRoy Evans	1709 1853
Earl C. Criss	1706 2478
Gules De Rycka	1673 1155
Earl Smith	1800 850
George L. Taylor	1818 1228
James Otto Morrow	1972 2550
Lawrence D. Lynch	1796 1090
William R. Hill	1082 1076
Walter J. Wilhelm	1638 631

A circular received by the Gratiot board from the Adjutant General's office says that due to the scarcity of farm labor, the president directs that men engaged completely in agricultural work or farming, who are in class one shall be given a deferred classification for the present. It calls attention to the fact that the need of the nation is the reason for this move and that it is not for the benefit of any individual. The boards are instructed to observe the men thus given a deferred classification, and immediately the board is convinced that a man is not giving his entire time to this work, he shall be called forthwith for military duty. The circular asks